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**STATE TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES, CONGRESSWOMAN
BARBARA LEE CALL ON CALPERS TO DEMAND THAT
THREE COMPANIES SEVER TIES TO SUDANESE
GOVERNMENT**

***Angelides and Lee Say ABB, Alcatel and Siemens' Ties to Sudan Government
Put Investments at Risk***

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Public Employees' Retirement System today approved a proposal by California State Treasurer Phil Angelides to use the power of the funds' \$200 billion investment portfolio to demand that three companies in which the fund invests – ABB, Ltd., Alcatel, and Siemens AG – cease their business ties with the Sudanese government and all government-controlled entities. Angelides, a member of CalPERS' governing board, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) said the fund has a financial and moral responsibility to ensure that its investments are in no way supporting the Sudanese government, which has engaged in a campaign of genocide in the Darfur region of that country in a conflict that has claimed over 200,000 lives and displaced over 2 million people. The CalPERS Board approved the Treasurer's proposal in a 9 to 2 vote today.

"Not a single dollar of public pension fund investment should support the Sudanese government, a regime that has perpetrated systematic attacks against its own citizens," said Treasurer Angelides, a member of CalPERS' governing board. "Companies with business ties to the Sudanese government present a financial risk and a moral threat to their shareholders."

"No one should have to worry that their pension fund is supporting genocide," said Congresswoman Lee, who first called on CalPERS to take action to de-fund the genocide over a year ago. "CalPERS can and must do more to push the most egregious offenders to terminate ties to the Khartoum regime."

Angelides' action comes after the CalPERS investment staff, at Angelides' urging, met with representatives of five companies reported to be doing business in Sudan to determine the exact nature of their business activities in that country. Today, the staff reported that ABB, Alcatel and Siemens all had business relationships with the Sudanese government or government-controlled entities. Angelides also today called on CalPERS to continue to monitor the Sudanese business activities of two other companies – Royal Dutch Shell and Total – which CalPERS staff reported have operations in Sudan but no clear business affiliation with the Sudanese government.

As far back as 1999, Treasurer Angelides urged CalPERS to look carefully at its investments in companies that may have ties to the Sudan crisis. In late 1999, CalPERS sold its stock in Talisman Energy, a Canadian company with Sudanese operations, and in 2000, CalPERS, also at Treasurer Angelides' urging, was one of several major institutional investors that refused to participate in an initial public offering by the Chinese petroleum company PetroChina, a company reported to have longstanding ties to the Sudanese government.

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